

Applicant: Gazda et al.
Application No.: 10/648,155

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 are currently pending in this application. The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102. The Applicants have canceled claim 4 and 5, and have amended claims 1 and 2 to more particularly and distinctly point out the subject matter the Applicants regard as the invention.

All amendments are fully supported in the specification and no new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) – Wilkinson et al.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wilkinson et al. (U.S. Publication No. 20020091800).

The Wilkinson reference discloses a client software program having an operating system layer having an abstraction layer, a programming environment and an application framework. However, there is no disclosure, teaching, or suggestion in the Wilkinson reference that the operating environment hides the operating systems from client applications.

On the other hand, the Applicants' amended independent claim 1 recites, among other things, "the operating environment hides underlying operating systems from its client applications." Likewise, the Applicants' amended independent claim 2 recites, among other things, "the operating environment hides the different operating systems from its client applications." These features are not disclosed, taught or suggested anywhere within the Wilkinson reference.

Accordingly, the Applicants' amended independent claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the Wilkinson reference. Additionally, since claim 3 depends from patentable amended claim 2, it is therefore patentable for at least the same reasons as patentable amended independent claim 2.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-3, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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